

REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

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PROPOSED "CLEANUP" OF NR 700 SERIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The Natural Resources Board (NRB) has approved a request to proceed with numerous limited changes to the NR 700 series of administrative rules, *Investigation and Remediation of Environmental Contamination*. This is a rule "clean up" proposal, intended to ensure that our rules remain internally consistent, consistent with statutes and consistent with current practices. The public comment period will be established after the rule language is drafted and the NRB approves hearings. The statement of scope and a summary of proposed changes are on the web at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/wi_reqs/index.htm#database.

REMINDER – TIME TO REVIEW CONSULTANT INFORMATION FOR DNR LISTING

Consultants are reminded that it's time to check their information on our "Environmental Services Providers List". This basic listing is intended to help responsible parties locate consultants that do environmental investigation and cleanup in various parts of Wisconsin. Consultants who need to add or amend a business entry on the list should contact Megan Clemens at Megan.Clemens@dnr.state.wi.us by **July 15, 2005** to be included in the next version of this list. The listing is on the web at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR024.pdf>.

MIDWEST SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABLE REDEVELOPMENT OF BROWNFIELDS

A conference on sustainable redevelopment is scheduled for **August 30 and September 1, 2005**, in Rock Island Illinois. This conference will focus on sustainable development techniques that may be used at brownfield projects, such as smart growth, storm water management, green buildings and new urbanism. Speakers will include local government officials and designers who have implemented green redevelopment. The conference is intended for local governments and nonprofits, consultants, attorneys, and community members interested in promoting sustainable redevelopment. It includes an optional 1/2 day tour of brownfield sites and storm water management projects in the Quad Cities area. The conference will be held at the Quad City Botanical Center, 2545 4th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. The fee is \$150. To register, please visit the registration web site or call 312-996-6104. The web site is: <http://128.248.232.70/glakes/ce/courseDetail.asp?GID=303>

LAND RECYCLING LOANS

DNR's Land Recycling Loan Program is one of the few sources of funding for remediation of environmental contamination at landfills. These loans provide no-interest loans to cities, villages, towns, counties and community redevelopment and housing authorities. Local governments must own the property in order to apply. Up to forty percent of the Land Recycling Loan funds may be used at landfills in each fiscal year, even if the applicant operated the landfill. Local governments may not, however, use a Land Recycling Loan at other contaminated properties where they are responsible for the contamination, such as leaks and spills. The first step in applying is to send a notice of intent to apply by **December 31**. Local governments must secure their loan with a general obligation pledge. Municipalities that sent a notice of intent by December 31, 2004, and are therefore eligible to apply this fiscal year (July 2005 through June 2006), include the cities of New Richmond, West Allis, Kenosha, Menasha, Altoona, and the Town of Cottage Grove. For more information, please visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Section/brownfield.html> or contact Maureen Hubeler, DNR, at 608-266-0849 or at maureen.hubeler@dnr.state.wi.us.